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REMARKS

Claims 23-30 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 23-28 are allowed. Claim 29 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 30 has been recast in independent form, and is now allowable. New claims 31-44 have been added for consideration. No new matter has been added.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claim 29 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roach *et al.* (US 6,310,997) in view of Bianco (US 5,047,614). Applicants representative respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection, since the claim has been cancelled.

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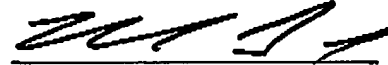
CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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